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1. (Once amended)

A method of enabling voice control of an apparatus provided with a voice-control subsystem including a speech recognizer, the method involving at least the steps of:

- (a) detecting when a user is looking towards the apparatus by using a camera system mounted on the user's head and arranged to point in the direction the user is facing or looking, images produced by the camera system being processed by an image processing subsystem to determine if the user is looking towards the apparatus; and
- (b) initially enabling voice control of the apparatus by its voice-control subsystem only when the user is detected in step (a) as looking towards the apparatus.

22. (Once amended)

An arrangement for enabling voice control of an apparatus provided with a voice-control subsystem including a speech recognizer, the arrangement comprising:

- detection means for detecting when the user is looking towards the apparatus, the detection means comprising:
 - a camera system mounted on a user's head and arranged to point in the direction the user is facing or looking, and
 - image processing means for processing images produced by the camera system to determine if the user is looking towards the apparatus.; and
 - enablement control means for initially enabling voice control of the apparatus by its voice-control subsystem only if the detection means indicate that the user is looking towards the apparatus.

45. (Once amended)

An installation including an arrangement according to claim 52, said installation accommodating at least one said apparatus.

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50. (New)

A method according to claim 1 applied in an environment including multiple apparatus's each with its own voice-control subsystem, step b) including communicating enablement signals to the apparatus determined in step a) as being looked towards by the user.

51. (New)

A method according to claim 1, wherein step a) is carried out by equipment carried by the user, step b) including the sending of enablement signals from this equipment to the apparatus to be initially enabled.

52. (New)

An arrangement according to claim 22, wherein the detection means is incorporated in equipment intended to be carried by the user, and the enablement control means comprises:

- a communications subsystem for sending enablement signals from this equipment to the apparatus, and
- control functionality at the apparatus which is responsive to the receipt of said enablement signals at the apparatus to enable the apparatus for voice control by the voice control subsystem.

REMARKS

The claims are supported by Applicant's specification. Support for the subject-matter of the amended claims 1, 22 and 45 and the new claims 50-52 can be found in Figure 3 and related part of the description.